

Second Chances

11-year-old improves personality and grades; needs adoptive parents



Omar
Wants to play football

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In the Christmas season we remember the transformation of the Dicken's character Scrooge. A once miserly and selfish man, he became a generous and loving personality.

Acoring to 11-year-old Omar's case worker, Omar has also had a personality transformation.

In Decembeer 1984, Omar was placed in a treatment center because of his uncontrollable behavior. In January 1985, he was placed in a special home for children with behavior problems. As his self-image improved, however, he made a remarkable improvement.

So great was the improvement, Omar received a certificate for good behavior and also made the honor roll for his excellent grades.

Omar's warm, structured and loving environment has helped him grow into a loving and kind person. The agency is seeking this kind of family to help Omar continue his social and emotional growth.

Omar wants to be a professional football

player when he grows up. He is doing well in the fifth grade and spends two periods a day in specialized instruction for reading, spelling and written language because of a perceptual impairment.

If granted three wishes, Omar said he would like to have a family of his own now and a lot of fast cars, someday.

"Oh, yeah," he added. "I'd like a chain for the bike I'm building."

Omar likes to go to the mall and expressed an interest in karate and playing the saxophone. Omar also enjoys being a Boy Scout

For more information about adopting Omar, contact Paula at the Adoption Resource Center, 567-1515.

Holiday note: The Committe for the Recruitment of Adoptive Families is conducting its toy drive for children who are waiting for a family of their own. If you have toys in good condition, please call 435-1277.

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